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Newsletter #54:

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Hello everyone! I hope you all had a nice week. Snowy Chicago has now become slushy Chicago. Well, it was pretty while it lasted. It was a busy week with some interesting auctions. I also had the opportunity to attend my local coin club this past week. The Chicago Coin Club is celebrating their 100th year soon if you can believe it. I used to be a member of the Ancient Coin Club of Chicago and while that was interesting it isn't as fun as the CCC. The main reason is that there are so many different types of coins outside of ancients to learn about and fascinating people that show their passion through show and tell. This week we heard a great lecture about the Leshner Referendum Dollars and the connection to Chicago from Robert Leonard. Bob, made a interesting presentation and for someone like me who isn't exactly drawn to rare U.S. coins, I was drawn in! If you have a local club I strongly suggest to attend. It is nice to meet like-minded folks.

Here is what is happening this week:

Davissons Ltd. Auction 37 (Feb 21)

This auction has 390 lots of ancient, world and U.S. on offer. I am registered to bid for the auction so please get in touch if you would like my help to bid or have questions that I can assist. The auction can be found on Numisbids and you can bid on their site as well.

Goldberg Pre-Long Beach Auction (Feb 20-21)

Goldberg will hold two days of auction prior to the Long Beach bourse. There are 1,183 ancient and world coins that will be offered through their live floor auctions. If there is customer interest I'll be available to phone and/or online bidding (there is no additional fee to bid online). This auction can be viewed through Numisbids or Sixbid.

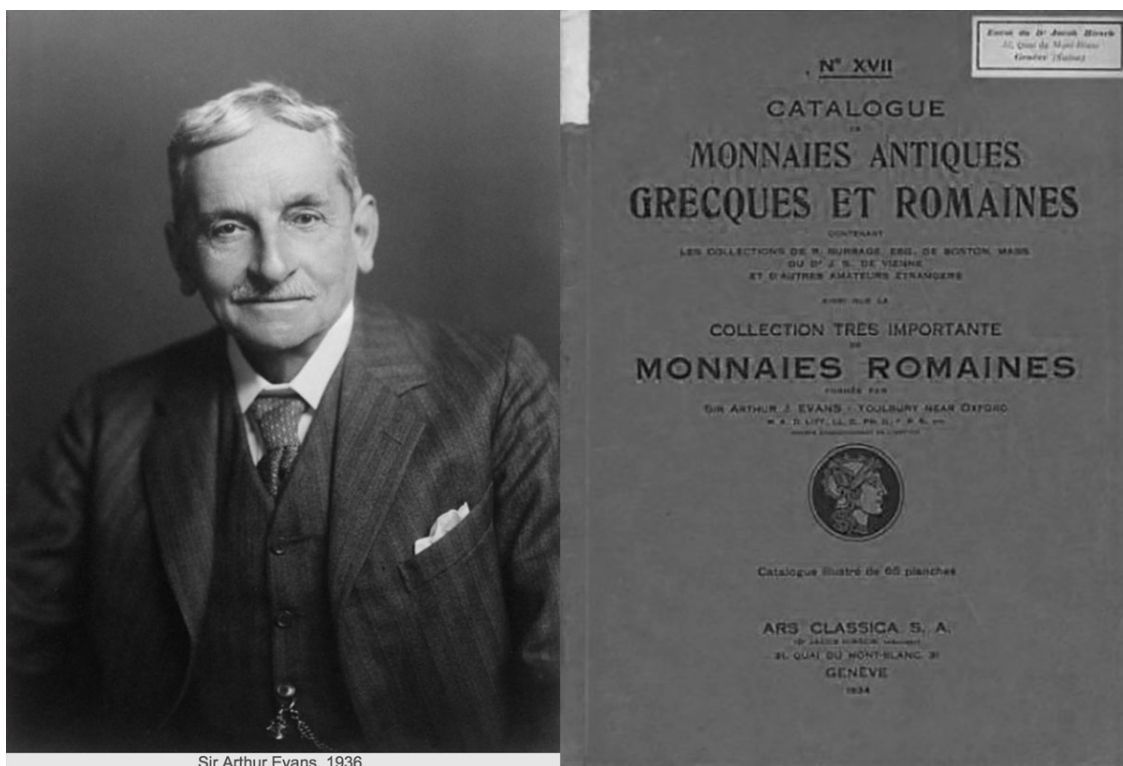
Savoca 5th Blue Sale (Feb 24-25)

Savoca has different tiers of sales from what I can tell. This sale is composed of 1,779 coins of lower quality. Do not expect to find a single pedigreed coin in these auctions. This is a great example of how lower end coins come into the market. It's times like these that I shake my head when I think of the requirement that all coins should have a pedigree going back several years. I won't get on my pedestal now. I will say that what you may find are some great deals and some very obscure types. Please let me know if you need my help in this auction. It is can be found on Sixbid and Numisbids.

Leu Numismatik Web Auction 3 (Feb 25)

Leu has 1300 lots of interesting ancient coins (there is a smattering of world as well) coming to auction on February 25. Naturally, the material is a step down from their live auction offerings but there are plenty diamonds in the rough. I would recommend taking a peek through. I plan to participate so please let me know if you need my help. This auction can be viewed on Sixbid and Numisbids.





Sir Arthur Evans, 1936.

Coin of the Week <http://www.shannaschmidt.com/coin-of-the-week/>

Trajan Decius. 249–251 AD. Rome, 5th officina. 2nd–3rd emissions, AD 249–250.
 AE Double Sestertius, 44.62g (37mm, 1h). IMP C M Q TRAIANVS DECIVS AVG, radiate and cuirassed bust right / VICT ORIA AVG, Victory advancing left, holding wreath in right hand and palm frond in left; S C across field.

Pedigree: *Ex Sternberg XXVIII (30 October 1995), lot 264; Numismatic Fine Arts XXIX (13 August 1992), lot 416; Sir Arthur J. Evans Collection (Ars Classica XVII, 3 October 1934), lot 1685 (small deposit below bust removed since); Sir John Evans Collection*

Price: \$8,000

Trajan Decius has the distinction to be the first Roman emperor to die on the battlefield. The battle of Atritus took place in Moesia Inferior, which is in modern day Bulgaria. Decius, inherited the name Trajan from the first century Spanish born ruler Trajan (ruled 98–117 AD) who took the boundaries of the Roman empire to its capacity. The Battle of Atritus pitted the Romans against the territory-infringing Goths, headed by Cniva. Essentially the Goths were in a losing battle but in an astounding turn of events, this final battle took the lives of both Trajan Decius and his son Herennius Etruscus. Some sources say Herennius died by an arrow at the very beginning of the battle which demoralized the army. To reignite the fight in his soldiers, Trajan Decius proclaimed that no one should mourn one soldier and that it would ultimately not effect the Republic. According to ancient sources, Cniva was very tactical in his approach and positioned one part of his army behind a marsh. This effectively crippled Trajan Decius and his army as they got trapped and were at a disadvantaged state in the boggy area.

This coin was in the collection of the famous Sir Arthur John Evans (1851–1941), an English archaeologist who was also known for his excavations at Knossos. Evans was also keeper of the Ashmolean Museum of which he donated many of his objects. A large portion of his coin collection was auctions off over the years. Previous to Sir Arthur J. Evans, the coin was in the

collection of his father, Sir John Evans (1823–1908), a noted archaeologist, as well as a numismatist, himself being president of the Numismatic Society.

References: Banti 29 (this coin illustrated); Gnechi III 6, pl. 161, 4; RCTV 9397 (this coin illustrated)

Grade: A pleasant strike with wonderful centering. Very minor wear. Good VF
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If you are interested in this coin please email shanna@shannaschmidt.com

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